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Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Coin distributor (1) containing a deflection unit (2) which has a ~~displaceable~~ moveable deflection member (3) for sorting coins (7) into different coin shafts (4, 5) ~~or the like~~, and at least one device (6) for detecting the passage of a coin through a coin shaft, this device including at least one emitter (6a), a beam ~~switcher~~ deflector (6b) and a beam receiver (6c), characterised in that the beam ~~switcher~~ deflector is secured to the ~~displaceable~~ moveable deflection member (3).

2. (Currently Amended) Coin distributor according to claim 1, characterised in that a first (6) and a second (8) device for detecting the passage of a coin are provided, the direction of a coin (7) along a coin path (9) in at least one coin shaft being capable of being detected from the signals of the beam receivers.

3. (Currently Amended) Coin distributor according to claim 2, characterised in that the first device (6) for detecting the passage of a coin is arranged on the ~~displaceable~~ moveable deflection member (3), and the second device (8) is arranged downstream or upstream in respect of the coin path.

4. (Currently Amended) Coin distributor according to claim 1, characterised in that the emitter is an infrared light-emitting diode (6a).

5. (Currently Amended) Coin distributor according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that the beam ~~switcher~~ deflector is a one of a mirror and prism which deflects singly or multiply ~~or a prism (6b) which deflects singly or multiply~~.

6. (Currently Amended) Coin distributor according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that the beam receiver is an infrared light

receiver ~~(6c)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) Coin distributor according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that the coin shafts are at least one of a return shaft ~~(5)~~ and/or and one or more acceptance shafts ~~(4)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) Coin distributor according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that the ~~displaceable~~ moveable deflection member is at least one of a deflection device ~~(3)~~ which can be displaced in translation and/or and a pivotable flap.

9. (Currently Amended) Coin distributor according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that the beam ~~switcher~~ deflector ~~(6b)~~ is so designed that, when coin shaft ~~(4)~~ is not blocked by a coin ~~(7)~~ or the like and the radiant power of the emitter ~~(6a)~~ remains the same, the quantity of radiation received by the beam receiver ~~(6b)~~ remains substantially the same.